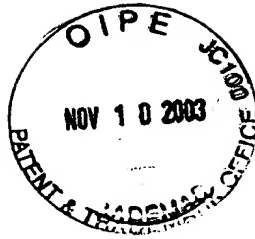


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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 09/805,035 :
FILED: MARCH 14, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1755
RCE: FILED HEREWITH
FOR: SILICON NITRIDE WEAR :
RESISTANT MEMBER AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Advisory Action dated October 21, 2003, indicating that an amendment filed October 8, 2003 would not be entered, and further responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 8, 2003, an RCE being filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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